

OPINION 1327

HOLOCENTROPUS McLACHLAN, 1878 (INSECTA,
TRICHOPTERA): CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the generic name *Holocentropus* McLachlan, 1878 is to be given nomenclatural precedence over the generic name *Phryganeolitha* Germar, 1813 whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Holocentropus* McLachlan, 1878 (gender: masculine), type species, by original designation, *Philopotamus dubius* Rambur, 1842, with an endorsement that it is to be given nomenclatural precedence over *Phryganeolitha* Germar, 1813, whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 2267);
- (b) *Phryganeolitha* Germar, 1813 (gender: feminine), type species, by monotypy, *Phryganeolitha vetusta* Germar, 1813, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *Holocentropus* McLachlan, 1878, whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 2268).

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *dubius* Rambur, 1842, as published in the binomen *Philopotamus dubius* (specific name of the type species of *Holocentropus* McLachlan, 1878) (Name Number 2977);
- (b) *vetusta* Germar, 1813, as published in the binomen *Phryganeolitha vetusta* (specific name of the type species of *Phryganeolitha* Germar, 1813) (Name Number 2978).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1591

An application for the conservation of *Holocentropus* McLachlan, 1878 was first received from D. E. Kimmins (*Department of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 16 January 1963. The application was rewritten and resubmitted by Dr P. C. Barnard (*Department of Entomology, British Museum (Natural History), London*) on 5 April 1982. After some correspondence it was sent to the printer on 25 August 1982 and published on 7 December 1982 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 293–296. Public notice of the possible use of plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, six general and nine entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 September 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1984)58 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 39, pp. 294–295. At the close of the voting period on 13 December 1984 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Brinck, Hahn, Mroczkowski, Schuster, Willink, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Alvarado, Ride, Kraus, Corliss, Bayer, Binder

Negative Votes — one (1): Heppell.

Lehtinen was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger, Dupuis, Halvorsen and Savage.

Heppell commented: 'I sympathize with the intention of the applicant to conserve the name *Holocentropus* but from the evidence presented I can find no justification for the use of the relative precedence procedure in this case. The applicant has presented the strongest possible case for the suppression of the name *Phryganeolitha* (based on a species of uncertain identity, the type material of which is lost, and virtually unused since its original proposal), which he admits was the original purpose of the application. Although it is stated in the introduction that the 'original intentions' of the application have been retained, the Commission has now in fact been offered the option of adding *Phryganeolitha* to the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names.

'I accept that if the Commission were offered the choice of *either* rejection or conditional suppression then the votes might provide no clear majority for either alternative. I believe, however, that the Commission should be asked to lay down clear guidelines to applicants as to when the relative precedence procedure should be requested. This should not be left to the whim of the author or the discretion of the Secretary and, I believe, should be reserved for those few cases where there is a genuine possibility of both names involved being required to denote separate taxa. In the present case I would have readily voted for the rejection of the unused and superfluous name, but in the absence of such a proposal doubt if the conservation of *Holocentropus* is threatened because its synonymy with the senior *Phryganeolitha* is not susceptible to proof.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

dubius, *Philopotamus*, Rambur, 1842, *Histoire naturelle des Insectes. Névroptères*, p. 503

Holocentropus McLachlan, 1878, *A monographic revision and synopsis of the Trichoptera of the European fauna*. Part 7, p. 400

Phryganeolitha Germar, 1813, *Magazin Entomol. (Germar)*, vol. 1, p. 17
vetusta, *Phryganeolitha*, Germar, 1813, *Magazin Entomol. (Germar)*, vol. 1,
p. 17.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (1985)58 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1327.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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